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- Ⓐ **Neither gender** bears his image more than the other.
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What are those truths saying to you today?

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Strangely, many of our modern ideas about gender revolve around gender stereotypes. What are some gender stereotypes that you tend to have? How does your own life compare to those stereotypes?

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How do we love people unconditionally when they are rejecting a fundamental teaching of God’s Word?

How should Christians and churches handle a person who is embracing an identity and/or a relationship that doesn’t line up with God’s design?

What should we think/do about biological aberrations and birth defects that blur the lines between the genders (Hermaphroditism, etc.)?

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- Ⓐ How do I relate to people who don’t share my perspective?
- Ⓐ How am I doing recognizing the image of God in people around me?

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